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SUBJ: LAWS OF WAR CONFERENCE: DEMARCH ON WARS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION

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1. IN ABSENCE FROM CITY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH LAWS OF WAR CONFERENCE, POL COUNSELOR MORNING MARCH 28 CALLED ON MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AMERICAS AND EUROPE, AKRAM ZAKI, TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS IN STATE REFTEL.

2. POL COUNSELOR SAID WE BELIEVED INTERESTS OF NEITHER USG NOR GOP WOULD BE SERVED BY HASTY ADOPTION ARTICLE 1 OF PROPOSED PROTOCOL AS IT NOW STANDS. PARA TWO, PROVIDING FOR UNQUALIFIED INCLUSION IN PROTOCOL OF ALL AND SUNDRY "NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS", WOULD BE SUBJECT VARIETY OF INTERPRETATIONS, SOME OF WHICH MIGHT DEVIATE SUBSTANTIALLY FROM INTENTIONS OF THOSE SUPPORTING THIS PARA. AS ONE EXAMPLE, IT MIGHT EVEN BE USED BY

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DISSIDENT GROUP IN PAKISTAN'S BALUCHISTAN PROVINCE TO

CLAIM STATUS UNDER PROTOCOL. WHILE CLAIM OF THIS NATURE ON PART OF DISSIDENT GROUP WOULD NATURALLY BE REJECTED OUT OF HAND BY GOVERNMENT CONCERNED, END RESULT WOULD BE EROSION OF CREDIBILITY OF GENEVA CONVENTIONS AS WHOLE. POL COUNSELOR POINTED OUT THAT USG WAS NOT SEEKING ELIMINATION ANY REFERENCE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN PROTOCOL BUT MERELY DEFERRAL FINAL APPROVAL ARTICLE 1 UNTIL NEXT YEAR'S SESSION IN ORDER GAIN TIME TO WORK OUT MORE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE FOR HANDLING LIBERATION MOVEMENT QUESTION. HE ASKED GOP SUPPORT IN OBTAINING DEFERRAL AND GAVE ZAKI BRIEF AIDE-MEMOIRE ON SUBJECT.

3. ZAKI ASKED WHETHER WASHINGTON HAD CITED BALUCHISTAN AS EXAMPLE OR WHETHER IT WAS EMBASSY'S IDEA. POL COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT IT WAS LATTER. ZAKI THEN SAID HE WOULD SEE THAT OUR VIEWS WERE BROUGHT PROMPTLY TO ATTENTION APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT GOP WAS ALWAYS MOST RELUCTANT TO TAKE POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO AFRO-ASIAN MAJORITY, ESPECIALLY ON ISSUES IN WHICH NUMBER OF THEM HAD SPECIAL INTEREST.

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